Initial Licensure Examination Requirements	**American Board of Dental Examiners (ADEX, CDCA-WREB-CITA)** Effective January 1, 2023, the Board will only accept from applicants who apply for licensure by examination, the ADEX Exam, for dental applicants. This policy applies to all examinations completed in calendar year 2023 and thereafter, regardless of the dates portions of the examination were taken. Source: Virginia Board of Dentistry Policy 60-25 On Dental Clinical Competency Examination Requirements For Licensure, adopted 6/11/2021
General Licensure Requirements	**Code of Virginia § 54.1-2709. License; application; qualifications; examinations.** A. No person shall practice dentistry unless he possesses a current valid license from the Board of Dentistry. B. An application for such license shall be made to the Board in writing and shall be accompanied by satisfactory proof that the applicant (i) is of good moral character; (ii) is a graduate of an accredited dental school or college, or dental department of a university or college; (iii) has passed all parts of the examination given by the Joint Commission on National Dental Examinations; (iv) has successfully completed a clinical examination acceptable to the Board; and (v) has met other qualifications as determined in regulations promulgated by the Board. C. The Board may grant a license to practice dentistry to an applicant licensed to practice in another jurisdiction if he (i) meets the requirements of subsection B; (ii) holds a current, unrestricted license to practice dentistry in another jurisdiction in the United States and is certified to be in good standing by each jurisdiction in which he currently holds or has held a license; (iii) has not committed any act that would constitute grounds for denial as set forth in § 54.1-2706; and (iv) has been in continuous clinical practice for five out of the six years immediately preceding application for licensure pursuant to this section. Active patient care in the dental corps of the United States Armed Forces, volunteer practice in a public health clinic, or practice in an intern or residency program may be accepted by the Board to satisfy this requirement. D. The Board shall provide for an inactive license for those dentists who hold a current, unrestricted dental license in the Commonwealth at the time of application for an inactive license and who do not wish to practice in Virginia. The Board shall promulgate such regulations as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this section, including requirements for remedial education to activate a license. E. The Board shall promulgate regulations requiring continuing education for any dental license renewal or reinstatement. The Board may grant extensions or exemptions from these continuing education requirements. **18 Virginia Administrative Code Agency 60, Chapter 21** **18VAC60-21-190. General application provisions.** A. Applications for any dental license, registration, or permit issued by the board, other than for a volunteer exemption or for a restricted volunteer license, shall include: 1. A final certified transcript from the college from which the applicant received the dental degree or post-doctoral degree or certificate as specified in 18VAC60-21-200; 2. Verifiable evidence documenting passage of all parts of the Joint Commission on National Dental Examinations; and 3. A current report from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB).

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	B. If a transcript or other documentation required for licensure cannot be produced by the entity from which it is required, the board, in its discretion, may accept other evidence of qualification for licensure. **18VAC60-21-200. Education.** An applicant for unrestricted dental licensure shall be a graduate of and a holder of a diploma or a certificate from a dental program accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association or the Commission on Dental Accreditation of Canada, which consists of either a pre-doctoral dental education program or at least a 12-month post-doctoral advanced general dentistry program or a post-doctoral dental program of at least 24 months in any other specialty that includes a clinical component. **18VAC60-21-210. Qualifications for an unrestricted license.** A. Dental licensure by examination. 1. All applicants for licensure by examination shall have: a. Successfully completed all parts of the National Board Dental Examination given by the Joint Commission on National Dental Examinations; and b. Passed a dental clinical competency examination that is accepted by the board. 2. If a candidate has failed any section of a clinical competency examination three times, the candidate shall complete a minimum of 14 hours of additional clinical training in each section of the examination to be retested in order to be approved by the board to sit for the examination a fourth time. 3. An applicant who successfully completed a clinical competency examination five or more years prior to the date of receipt of the applicant's application for licensure by the board may be required to retake an examination or complete clinical training as required by the board unless the applicant demonstrates that the applicant has maintained clinical, ethical, and legal practice in another jurisdiction of the United States or in federal civil or military service for 48 of the past 60 months immediately prior to submission of an application for licensure.
License by Credential/ Endorsement Requirements	18 Virginia Administrative Code Agency 60, Chapter 21 **60-21-210. Qualifications for an unrestricted license,** **B. Dental licensure by credentials.** All applicants for licensure by credentials shall: 1. Have passed all parts of the National Board Dental Examination given by the Joint Commission on National Dental Examinations; 2. Have successfully completed a clinical competency examination acceptable to the board; 3. Hold a current, unrestricted license to practice dentistry in another jurisdiction of the United States and be certified to be in good standing by each jurisdiction in which a license is currently held or has been held; and 4. Have been in continuous clinical practice in another jurisdiction of the United States or in federal civil or military service for five out of the six years immediately preceding application for licensure pursuant to this section. Active patient care in another jurisdiction of the United States (i) as a volunteer in a public health clinic, (ii) as an intern, or (iii) in a residency program may be accepted by the board to satisfy this requirement. One year of clinical practice shall consist of a minimum of 600 hours of practice in a calendar year as attested by the applicant.
Specialty Practice	Code of Virginia § 54.1-2709.1. Certain certification required. A. The Board of Dentistry shall promulgate regulations establishing criteria for certification of board certified or board eligible oral or maxillofacial surgeons to perform certain procedures within the definition of dentistry that are unrelated

	to the oral cavity or contiguous structures, provided such services (i) are not for the prevention and treatment of disorders, diseases, lesions and malpositions of the human teeth, alveolar process, maxilla, mandible, or adjacent tissues, or any necessary related procedures, and are services the training for which is included in the curricula of dental schools or advanced postgraduate education programs accredited by the Commission of Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association or continuing educational programs recognized by the Board of Dentistry, or (ii) are not provided incident to a head or facial trauma sustained by the patient. The regulations shall include, but need not be limited to, provisions for: (1) promotion of patient safety; (2) identification and categorization of procedures for the purpose of issuing certificates; (3) establishment of an application process for certification to perform such procedures; (4) establishment of minimum education, training, and experience requirements for certification to perform such procedures, including consideration of whether a licensee has been granted practice privileges to perform such procedures from an accredited hospital located in the Commonwealth and consideration of the presentation of a letter attesting to the training of the applicant to perform such procedures from the chairman of an accredited postgraduate residency program; (5) development of protocols for proctoring and criteria for requiring such proctoring; and (6) implementation of a quality assurance review process for such procedures performed by certificate holders. B. In promulgating the minimum education, training, and experience requirements for oral and maxillofacial surgeons to perform such procedures and the regulations related thereto, the Board of Dentistry shall consult with an advisory committee comprised of three members selected by the Medical Society of Virginia and three members selected by the Virginia Society of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons. All members of the advisory committee shall be licensed by the Board of Dentistry or the Board of Medicine and shall engage in active clinical practice. The committee shall have a duty to act collaboratively and in good faith to recommend the education, training, and experience necessary to promote patient safety in the performance of such procedures. The advisory committee shall prepare a written report of its recommendations and shall submit this report to the Board of Dentistry and shall also submit its recommendations to the Board of Medicine for such comments as may be deemed appropriate, prior to the promulgation of draft regulations. The advisory committee may meet periodically to advise the Board of Dentistry on the regulation of such procedures. C. In promulgating the regulations required by this section, the Board shall take due consideration of the education, training, and experience requirements adopted by the American Dental Association Council on Dental Education or the Commission on Dental Accreditation. Further, the Board's regulations shall require that complaints arising out of performance of such procedures be enforced solely by the Board of Dentistry and reviewed jointly by a physician licensed by the Board of Medicine who actively practices in a related specialty and by an oral and maxillofacial surgeon licensed by the Board of Dentistry. However, upon receipt of reports of such complaints the Board of Dentistry shall promptly notify the Board of Medicine which shall maintain the confidentiality of such complaint consistent with § 54.1-2400.2. (2001, c. 662.)

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	Code of Virginia § 54.1-2709.2. Registration and certain data required. The Board of Dentistry shall require all oral and maxillofacial surgeons to annually register with the Board and to report and make available the following information: 1. The names of medical schools or schools of dentistry attended and dates of graduation; 2. Any graduate medical or graduate dental education at any institution approved by the Accreditation Council for Graduation Medical Education, the Commission on Dental Accreditation, American Dental Association; 3. Any specialty board certification or eligibility for certification as approved by the Commission on Dental Accreditation, American Dental Association; 4. The number of years in active, clinical practice as specified by regulations of the Board; 5. Any insurance plans accepted, managed care plans in which the oral and maxillofacial surgeon participates, and hospital affiliations, including specification of any privileges granted by the hospital; 6. Any appointments, within the most recent 10-year period, of the oral and maxillofacial surgeon to a dental school faculty and any publications in peer-reviewed literature within the most recent five-year period and as specified by regulations of the Board; 7. The location of any primary and secondary practice settings and the approximate percentage of the oral and maxillofacial surgeon's time spent practicing in each setting; 8. The access to any translating service provided to the primary practice setting of the oral and maxillofacial surgeon; 9. The status of the oral and maxillofacial surgeon's participation in the Virginia Medicaid Program; 10. Any final disciplinary or other action required to be reported to the Board by health care institutions, other practitioners, insurance companies, health maintenance organizations, and professional organizations pursuant to §§ 54.1-2400.6, 54.1-2709.3, and 54.1-2709.4 that results in a suspension or revocation of privileges or the termination of employment or a final order of the Board relating to disciplinary action; and 11. Other information related to the competency of oral and maxillofacial surgeons as specified in the regulations of the Board. The Board shall promulgate regulations to implement the provisions of this section, including, but not limited to, the release, upon request by a consumer, of such information relating to an oral and maxillofacial surgeon. The regulations promulgated by the Board shall provide for reports to include all paid claims in categories indicating the level of significance of each award or settlement. **Code of Virginia § 54.1-2709.3. Reports of disciplinary action against oral and maxillofacial surgeons; immunity from liability.** A. The presidents of the Virginia Dental Association and the Virginia Society of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons shall report to the Board of Dentistry any disciplinary actions taken by his organization against any oral and maxillofacial surgeon licensed under this chapter if such disciplinary action is a result of conduct involving professional ethics, professional incompetence, moral turpitude, drug or alcohol abuse. B. The president of any association, society, academy or organization shall report to the Board of Dentistry any disciplinary action taken against any oral and maxillofacial surgeon licensed under this chapter if such disciplinary action

	is a result of conduct involving professional ethics, professional incompetence, moral turpitude, drug addictions or alcohol abuse. C. Any report required by this section shall be in writing directed to the Board of Dentistry, shall give the name and address of the person who is the subject of the report and shall describe fully the circumstances surrounding the conduct to be reported. D. Any person making a report required by this section or testifying in a judicial or administrative proceeding as a result of such report shall be immune from any civil liability resulting therefrom unless such person acted in bad faith or with malicious intent. E. In the event that any organization enumerated in subsection A or any component thereof receives a complaint against an oral and maxillofacial surgeon, such organization may, in lieu of considering disciplinary action against such oral and maxillofacial surgeon, request that the Board investigate the matter pursuant to this chapter, in which event any person participating in the decision to make such a request or testifying in a judicial or administrative proceeding as a result of such request shall be immune from any civil liability alleged to have resulted therefrom unless such person acted in bad faith or with malicious intent. (2001, c. 662.) **Code of Virginia § 54.1-2709.4. Further reporting requirements.** A. The following matters shall be reported to the Board: 1. Any disciplinary action taken against an oral and maxillofacial surgeon licensed under this chapter by another state or by a federal health institution or voluntary surrender of a license in another state while under investigation; 2. Any malpractice judgment against an oral and maxillofacial surgeon licensed under this chapter; 3. Any incident of two settlements of malpractice claims against an individual oral and maxillofacial surgeon licensed under this chapter within a three-year period; and 4. Any evidence that indicates to a reasonable probability that an oral and maxillofacial surgeon licensed under this chapter is or may be professionally incompetent, guilty of unprofessional conduct or mentally or physically unable to engage safely in the practice of his profession. B. The following persons and entities are subject to the reporting requirements set forth in this section: 1. Any oral and maxillofacial surgeon licensed under this chapter who is the subject of a disciplinary action, settlement judgment or evidence for which reporting is required pursuant to this section; 2. Any other person licensed under this chapter, except as provided in the Health Practitioners' Monitoring Program; 3. The presidents of all professional societies in the Commonwealth, and their component societies whose members are regulated by the Board, except as provided for in the protocol agreement entered into by the Health Practitioners' Monitoring Program; 4. All health care institutions licensed by the Commonwealth; 5. The malpractice insurance carrier of any oral and maxillofacial surgeon who is the subject of a judgment or of two settlements within a three-year period. The carrier shall not be required to report any settlements except those in which it has participated that have resulted in a least two settlements on behalf of an individual oral and maxillofacial surgeon during a three-year period; and 6. Any health maintenance organization licensed by the Commonwealth.

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	C. No person or entity shall be obligated to report any matter to the Board if the person or entity has actual notice that the matter has already been reported to the Board. D. Any report required by this section shall be in writing directed to the Board, shall give the name and address of the person who is the subject of the report and shall describe the circumstances surrounding the conduct required to be reported. E. Any person making a report required by this section shall be immune from any civil liability or criminal prosecution resulting therefrom unless such person acted in bad faith or with malicious intent. F. The clerk of any circuit court or any district court in the Commonwealth shall report to the Board the conviction of any oral and maxillofacial surgeon known by such clerk to be licensed under this chapter of any (i) misdemeanor involving a controlled substance, marijuana or substance abuse or involving an act of moral turpitude or (ii) felony. 18VAC60-21-310. Registration of oral and maxillofacial surgeons. Every licensed dentist who practices as an oral and maxillofacial surgeon, as defined in § 54.1-2700 of the Code, shall register his practice with the board. 1. After initial registration, an oral and maxillofacial surgeon shall renew his registration annually on or before December 31. 2. An oral and maxillofacial surgeon who fails to register or to renew his registration and continues to practice oral and maxillofacial surgery may be subject to disciplinary action by the board. 3. Within one year of the expiration of a registration, an oral and maxillofacial surgeon may renew by payment of the renewal fee and a late fee. 4. After one year from the expiration date, an oral and maxillofacial surgeon who wishes to reinstate his registration shall update his profile and pay the reinstatement fee. **18 Virginia Administrative Code Agency 60, Chapter 21** **18VAC60-21-80. Advertising.** A. Practice limitation. A general dentist who limits the general dentist's practice to a dental specialty or describes the general dentist's practice by types of treatment shall state in conjunction with the general dentist's name that he is a general dentist providing certain services (e.g., orthodontic services). B. Fee disclosures. Any statement specifying a fee for a dental service that does not include the cost of all related procedures, services, and products that, to a substantial likelihood, will be necessary for the completion of the advertised services as it would be understood by an ordinarily prudent person shall be deemed to be deceptive or misleading. Where reasonable disclosure of all relevant variables and considerations is made, a statement of a range of fees for specifically described dental services shall not be deemed to be deceptive or misleading. C. Discounts and free offers. Discount and free offers for a dental service are permissible for advertising only when the nondiscounted or full fee, if any, and the final discounted fee are also disclosed in the advertisement. In addition, the time period for obtaining the discount or free offer must be stated in the advertisement. The dentist shall maintain documented evidence to substantiate the discounted fee or free offer. D. Retention of advertising. A prerecorded or archived copy of all advertisements shall be retained for a two-year period following the final appearance of the advertisement. The advertising dentist is responsible for making prerecorded or archived copies of the advertisement available to the board within five days following a request by the board.

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	E. Routine dental services. Advertising of fees pursuant to this section is limited to procedures that are set forth in the American Dental Association's "Dental Procedures Codes," published in Current Dental Terminology in effect at the time the advertisement is issued. **18VAC60-21-310. Registration of oral and maxillofacial surgeons.** Every licensed dentist who practices as an oral and maxillofacial surgeon, as defined in § 54.1-2700 of the Code, shall register his practice with the board. 1. After initial registration, an oral and maxillofacial surgeon shall renew his registration annually on or before December 31. 2. An oral and maxillofacial surgeon who fails to register or to renew his registration and continues to practice oral and maxillofacial surgery may be subject to disciplinary action by the board. 3. Within one year of the expiration of a registration, an oral and maxillofacial surgeon may renew by payment of the renewal fee and a late fee. 4. After one year from the expiration date, an oral and maxillofacial surgeon who wishes to reinstate his registration shall update his profile and pay the reinstatement fee. **8VAC60-21-320. Profile of information for oral and maxillofacial surgeons.** A. In compliance with requirements of § 54.1-2709.2 of the Code of Virginia, an oral and maxillofacial surgeon registered with the board shall create a profile on the board's Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Profiles website with the following information within 30 days of registration, which information shall be updated annually: 1. The address of the primary practice setting and all secondary practice settings with the percentage of time spent at each location; 2. Names of dental or medical schools with dates of graduation; 3. Names of graduate medical or dental education programs attended at an institution approved by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education, the Commission on Dental Accreditation, and the American Dental Association with dates of completion of training; 4. Names and dates of specialty board certification or board eligibility, if any, as recognized by the Council on Dental Education and Licensure of the American Dental Association; 5. Number of years in active, clinical practice in the United States or Canada, following completion of medical or dental training and the number of years, if any, in active, clinical practice outside the United States or Canada; 6. Names of insurance plans accepted or managed care plans in which the oral and maxillofacial surgeon participates and whether the surgeon is accepting new patients under such plans; 7. Names of hospitals with which the oral and maxillofacial surgeon is affiliated; 8. Appointments within the past 10 years to dental school faculties with the years of service and academic rank; 9. Publications, not to exceed 10 in number, in peer-reviewed literature within the most recent five-year period; 10. Whether there is access to translating services for non-English speaking patients at the primary practice setting and which, if any, foreign languages are spoken in the practice; and 11. Whether the oral and maxillofacial surgeon participates in the Virginia Medicaid Program and whether the surgeon is accepting new Medicaid patients.

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	B. The oral and maxillofacial surgeon may provide additional information on hours of continuing education earned, subspecialties obtained, and honors or awards received. C. Whenever there is a change in the information on record with the profile system, the oral and maxillofacial surgeon shall provide current information in any of the categories in subsection A of this section within 30 days. D. Failure to provide the information required in subsection A of this section may constitute unprofessional conduct and may subject the licensee to disciplinary action by the board. Intentionally providing false information to the board for the profile system shall constitute unprofessional conduct and shall subject the licensee to disciplinary action by the board.
Continuing Education	**Code of Virginia § 54.12729. Continuing education** The Board shall promulgate regulations requiring continuing education for any dental hygienist license renewal or reinstatement. The Board may grant exceptions or exemptions from the continuing education requirements. **18 Virginia Administrative Code Agency 60, Chapter 21** **18VAC60-21-106. Continuing education required for prescribers.** Any dentist who prescribes Schedules II, III, and IV controlled substances shall obtain two hours of continuing education on pain management every two years. Continuing education hours required for prescribing of controlled substances may be included in the 15 hours required for renewal of licensure. **18VAC60-21-240. License renewal and reinstatement.** A. Every person holding an active or inactive license and those holding a permit to administer moderate sedation, deep sedation, or general anesthesia shall annually renew the license or permit in the person's birth month in accordance with fees set forth in 18VAC60-21-40. B. Every person holding a faculty license, temporary resident's license, a restricted volunteer license, or a temporary permit shall, on or before June 30, request renewal of the license. C. Every person holding a permit as a mobile clinic or portable dental operation shall renew annually by December 31. D. Any person who does not return the completed form and fee by the deadline required in subsection B of this section shall be required to pay an additional late fee. E. The board shall renew a license or permit if the renewal form, renewal fee, and late fee are received within one year of the deadline required in subsection B of this section provided that no grounds exist to deny said renewal pursuant to § 54.1-2706 of the Code of Virginia and Part II (18VAC60-21-50 et seq.) of this chapter. F. Reinstatement procedures. 1. Any person whose license or permit has been expired for more than one year or whose license or permit has been revoked or suspended and who wishes to reinstate such license or permit shall submit a reinstatement application and the reinstatement fee. The application must include evidence of continuing clinical competence. 2. To evaluate continuing clinical competence, the board shall consider: a. Completion of continuing education hours equal to the requirement for the number of years in which the license has been expired, revoked, or suspended, not to exceed a total of 45 hours. Of the required hours, at least 15 must be earned in the most recent 12 months and the remainder within the 36 months immediately preceding the application for reinstatement; b. Evidence of active clinical practice in another state or in federal service;

	c. Recent passage of a clinical competency examination accepted by the board; or d. Completion of a refresher program offered by a program accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association. 3. The executive director may reinstate such expired license or permit provided that the applicant can demonstrate continuing competence, the applicant has paid the reinstatement fee and any fines or assessments, and no grounds exist to deny said reinstatement pursuant to § 54.1-2706 of the Code of Virginia and Part II (18VAC60-21-50 et seq.) of this chapter. **18VAC60-21-250. Requirements for continuing education.** A. A dentist shall complete a minimum of 15 hours of continuing education that meets the requirements for content, sponsorship, and documentation set out in this section, for each annual renewal of licensure, except for the first renewal following initial licensure and for any renewal of a restricted volunteer license. 1. A dentist shall maintain current training certification in basic cardiopulmonary resuscitation with hands-on airway training for health care providers or basic life support unless the dentist is required by 18VAC60-21-290 or 18VAC60-21-300 to hold current certification in advanced life support with hands-on simulated airway and megacode training for health care providers. 2. A dentist who administers or monitors patients under general anesthesia, deep sedation, or moderate sedation shall complete four hours every two years of approved continuing education directly related to administration and monitoring of such anesthesia or sedation as part of the hours required for licensure renewal. 3. Requirement of two (2) credit hours related to pain management is necessary for renewal. 4. Continuing education hours in excess of the number required for renewal may be transferred or credited to the next renewal year for a total of not more than 15 hours. 5. Up to three hours of the 15 hours required for annual renewal may be satisfied through delivery of dental services, without compensation, to low-income individuals receiving health services through a local health department or a free clinic organized in whole or primarily for the delivery of those services. B. To be accepted for license renewal, continuing education programs shall be directly relevant to the treatment and care of patients and shall be: 1. Clinical courses in dentistry and dental hygiene; or 2. Nonclinical subjects that relate to the skills necessary to provide dental or dental hygiene services and are supportive of clinical services (i.e., patient management, legal and ethical responsibilities, and stress management). Courses not acceptable for the purpose of this subsection include estate planning, financial planning, investments, business management, marketing, and personal health. C. Continuing education credit may be earned for verifiable attendance at or participation in any course, to include audio and video presentations, that meets the requirements in subsection B of this section and is given by a sponsor approved by the board. D. The board may grant an exemption for all or part of the continuing education requirements due to circumstances beyond the control of the licensee, such as temporary disability, mandatory military service, or officially declared disasters. A written request with supporting documents must be submitted prior to renewal of the license.

	E. The board may grant an extension for up to one year for completion of continuing education upon written request with an explanation to the board prior to the renewal date. F. A licensee is required to verify compliance with the continuing education requirements in the licensee's annual license renewal. Following the renewal period, the board may conduct an audit of licensees to verify compliance. Any licensee selected for audit must provide original documents certifying that the licensee has fulfilled the continuing education requirements by the deadline date as specified by the board. G. All licensees are required to maintain original documents verifying the date and subject of the program or activity, the sponsor, and the amount of time earned. Documentation shall be maintained for a period of four years following renewal. H. Continuing education hours required by board order shall not be used to satisfy the continuing education requirement for license renewal or reinstatement. I. Failure to comply with continuing education requirements may subject the licensee to disciplinary action by the board.

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